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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger  
SUBJECT: Vietnam Indicators Report

Attached is the Vietnam Indicators Report for the week ending October 3. Items of particular interest include:

Casualties

-- U.S. battle deaths dropped sharply to 38 from the previous week's 63.

	<u>Week Ending</u> <u>October 3, 1970</u>	<u>Corresponding</u> <u>Week 1969</u>	<u>Total 1970</u>
U.S.	38	64	3,743
SVN	175	98	13,109
VC/NVA	1,466	1,899	89,098

Additional Highlights

-- There is some danger that President Thieu will take action against opposition Lower House deputy and publisher Ngo Cong Duc that would be very likely to stir up controversy abroad, reminiscent of criticism aroused by Thieu's handling of the Tran Ngoc Chau case last spring. Duc has publicly proposed a coalition to organize elections, asked that a South Vietnamese peace delegation be represented at the Paris talks, and advocated the total withdrawal of U.S. and Allied forces.

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